BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-093-C - ORDER NO. 96-398



JUNE 10, 1996

IN RE: Request of AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. for the Requirement of Interconnection Agreements.

) ORDER SETTING) MATTER FOR) ORAL ARGUMENTS

AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. (AT&T) filed a letter with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) requesting that the Commission require, pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, all interconnection agreements (including those negotiated before the date of enactment of the Act) between incumbent local exchange companies (LEC's) and other carrier's to be submitted to the Commission. Further, AT&T requests copies of such agreements be served on AT&T. Subsequently, the Commission held that comments should be filed prior to any action being taken on the part of the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the comments submitted, and concludes that the law is not clear on the role of the state Commission in this matter. Therefore, this Commission believes that oral arguments would shed light on the role of the Commission in the filing of interconnection agreements. We therefore hold that oral arguments shall be held on this matter at such time as the Commission Staff shall deem appropriate.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Aufelf Mitchell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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